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Rohyn Russell
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Dear Rohyn,

Enclosed is the tape I promised you. I am pleased you want it. The voices in order of appearance are:

Walter Jeeland, my uncle
Virian Jeeland, his wife
Mabel Holbrook, my aunt
Hazel Ostrander, my mother

Walter was 8 years old in 1915. Mabel was about 5. My mother would be 7 in August that year. May, the subject of this story, was 2. Also mentioned on this tape are Steve and Georgie, my brother and his then wife.

The original starting point for this trip was Ruby. The Jeelands traveled all over the Interior following gold strikes until they finally sort of settled in Ruby. Ruby then became a sort of base of operations for trips out to other mining camps. They lived in Ruby the longest of any place when they were growing up. May was born in Ruby. His dad, John Jeeland, had a blacksmith shop and freight hauling business there.

I think this trip up the Koyukuk was the last such trip they ever took. I think it was the end of the horse team too because they ran out of food during the winter in Coldfoot. Their dog came back out with them but the horses were never mentioned again.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,
Graen Wells

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Walter Teeland recordings about family history
coming to Alaska & trip to Coldfoot in 1975 to
meet old-Aker there, who was there at beginning of
Coldfoot.

Green Wells

(~~pronounced~~ Lanner)

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Walter + Vivian
Teeland
Hazel Teeland Ostrander
Mabel Teeland

Ind. record:
1307-32260

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← she will sign
release for
Walter
6-501
she will send tape,
send her release
when it arrives.
MKR

8/4/01

Robyn,

Sent release
7-19-01 RER

This woman called with a tape she'd like to donate. It's a
recording with her uncle, Walter Teeland, who ran the store in Wasilla,
for a long time. He's talking about a trip to Coldfoot. Recording was
made in 1975. All the speakers are deceased. I said it sounded
interesting & something we'd like for our collection. I said you'd call
or write to her with the donor form. She can tell you who else is
speaking on the tape & the subjects discussed, so you might
ask her to write you up a brief summary. I can tell you more
about our conversation if you want.

Karen